What is claimed is:

1. A method for treating an autoimmune disease, comprising administering an RBAp48 production suppressor or an RBAp48 production inhibitor.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the autoimmune disease is Sjögren's syndrome.

3. A screening method for a preventive or therapeutic agent for an autoimmune disease, comprising determining RBAp48 production suppressing effect or RBAp48 production inhibitory effect of a sample.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the autoimmune disease is Sjögren's syndrome.

5. A diagnosis agent or a diagnosing kit for an autoimmune disease, containing a reagent for measuring RBAp48 level in gland tissues.

6. The diagnosis agent or the diagnosing kit according to claim 5, wherein the autoimmune disease is Sjögren's syndrome.

7. A diagnosis method for an autoimmune disease, comprising determining RBAp48 level in gland tissues.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the autoimmune disease is Sjögren's syndrome.

9. A screening method for an apoptosis inhibitor, comprising determining RBAp48 production suppressing effect or RBAp48 production inhibitory effect of a sample.